



USDA, AMS, Poultry Market News

Weekly Egg Products Report

April 15, 2005

The "SOURCE" of Poultry and Egg Market Information

COMBINED REGIONAL REPORT - Combined regional for week ending **15-Apr-05** average prices on Sales to volume buyers, Grade A large, white eggs in cartons, delivered warehouse, cents per dozen.

	Northeast	Southeast	Midwest	South Central	Combined Regional
This week	46.00	44.50	37.50	46.50	43.73
Last week	46.00	44.50	37.50	46.50	43.73

SELECTED CITIES DELIVERED STORE DOOR LARGE - 15-Apr-05:

New York 52-56 Midwest 42-51 California 78

WEEKLY SHELL EGG AND BREAKING STOCK INVENTORY - 11-Apr-05 - (30 DOZEN CASES - IN THOUSANDS)

	Northeast	North Central	South Central	South Atlantic	Pacific	5-Area	Breaking Stock	Total
Current week	99.3	293.0	124.7	231.1	185.2	933.3	250.0	1183.3
% change PW	-20	-2	14	19	-7	1	2	1

Breaking Stock 15-Apr-05 - prices paid cents/dozen, material exchanged, 30-dozen case equivalent, 48 lb minimum, delivered to breakers.

	Central States		Eastern Region	
Nest Run	24-26.5	M 25-26	22-26	M 23-24
Checks & Undergrades	13-17	M 14-16	11-17	M 12-15

Eggs Processed under federal inspection week ending **09-Apr-05**.

Pounds in Thousands (excludes ingredients)

	Cases Broken	Liquid Whole	Liquid White	Liquid Yolk	Dried	Inedible
CURRENT WEEK	1,339,912	31,659	13,567	7,143	3,055	4,385
PREVIOUS WEEK	1,356,492	30,897	14,034	7,734	3,140	4,622
LAST YEAR	1,177,138	28,021	11,203	6,130	2,613	3,851
% CHANGE PWK	-1	2	-3	-8	-3	-5
% CHANGE LY	14	13	21	17	17	14
TO-DATE 2005	17,656,167	421,047	172,838	92,605	39,465	61,531
TO-DATE 2004	16,320,375	388,724	155,493	86,546	35,674	57,029
% CHANGE YTD	8	8	11	7	11	8

AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE (INEDIBLE INCLUDED)

Current Week: 42.36 **Previous Week:** 42.23 **Last Year:** 41.80

AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE (INEDIBLE EXCLUDED)

Current Week: 39.08 **Previous Week:** 38.82 **Last Year:** 38.53

National Liquid Eggs - 15-Apr-05 - prices paid cents/lb, f.o.b. plant, non-pasteurized trucklots, for delivery within 14 days.

Class	Loads	Range	Wtd. Avg.	Change From Last Week
WHOLE		TFEWR		
WHITES	24	15-21	18.17	-1.88
YOLKS	12	42-45	43.71	1.13

Pasteurized salt yolk and whites were too few to report.

Frozen Egg Prices - 15-Apr-05 wholesale selling price cents/lb, 30-lb containers.

Class	Trucklot				Less-than-Trucklot (min 25 cont.)			
	Eastern		Central		Eastern		South California ²	
Whole	33-38	M	34-36	34-39 M	34-37	41-45	40-43	
Blends ³	TOO FEW	TO	REPORT			54-70	-	
Whites	32-39	M	35-37	36-39 M	37	42-47	42-45	
Yolks ⁴								
Sugared	48-55	M	52-55	54-59 M	54-55	58-63	58-61	
Salted	48-54	M	50-52	50-56 M	51-53	55-60	56-59	

² f.o.b. shipping point

³ whole plus yolk plus sweetener, generally 28-32% egg solids

⁴ minimum 43% solids

National Dried Egg Prices - 15-Apr-05 - wholesale selling prices \$/lb, in containers, trucklot and less-than-trucklot volumes.

Class	Range	Mostly
WHOLE	1.21-1.50	1.29-1.40
YOLKS	1.21-1.45	1.34-1.40
ALBUMEN, SPRAY, DRIED	2.19-2.45	2.30-2.40
BLENDS (WHOLE PLUS SWEETENER)	1.21-1.65	1.30-1.45

Number of Light Hens Sltrd. in Federally Inspected Plants (Thousands) Weekending 09-Apr-2005

Fowl Slaughtered in U.S.		U.S. Fowl Slaughtered in Canada		Total U.S. Fowl Slaughtered	
This week	1,740	This week	362	This week	2,102
Last week	1,671	Last week	404	Last week	2,075
Last year	1,362	Last year	199	Last year	1,561
To Date 2005	21,042	To Date 2004	4,208	To Date 2004	25,250
To Date 2004	17,870	To Date 2003	3,348	To Date 2003	21,218

U.S. Exports To Canada, in Thousand Pounds (Preliminary) week ending - 02-Apr-05

	Liquid	Frozen	Dried	Total
Current week	406	0	3	409
Last year /1	97	0	0	97
To date 2005/2	3,043	0	82	3,125
To date 2004	2,071	0	187	2,258

U.S. Imports From Canada, in Thousand Pounds (Preliminary) week ending - 02-Apr-05

	Liquid	Frozen	Dried	Total
Current week	85	7	0	92
Last year /1	37	127	80	244
To date 2005/2	2,010	309	300	2,619
To date 2004	1,159	466	824	2,449

Inspected Shell Eggs

U.S. Exports To Canada, in 30-Dozen Cases (Preliminary) week ending - 02-Apr-05

	Jumbo	EX-Lg	Large	Medium	Ungraded	Misc	Total
Current week	0	950	4,350	2,250	1,440	0	8,990
Last year /1	0	1,530	860	2,010	4,794	3,160	12,354
To date 2005/2	33	6,450	16,980	14,085	9,140	2,263	48,951
To date 2004	50	4,980	11,913	11,880	24,218	5,350	58,391

/1 Comparable week, to-date figures may not total due to rounding.

/2 Includes revisions to previous week(s).

Data Source: Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada, AISD, AID, Poultry Section

USDA ANNOUNCES MARKETING SUPPORT FOR EGG INDUSTRY

WASHINGTON, April 15, 2005 -- The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) has announced its intent to purchase fowl meat products for school lunch and other domestic food assistance programs. The purchase will create a much-needed market for light spent fowl meat, which is produced from egg-type laying hens. Egg producers have been unable to dispose of egg laying hens in sufficient numbers because fowl processors cannot increase normal markets for fowl meat.

Part of the shell egg oversupply problem is an over abundance of layers. Therefore, this purchase will assist the egg industry by reducing flock size to a profitable level while providing a food commodity that is popular in USDA's child nutrition and other domestic food assistance programs.

The amount of fowl meat purchased by USDA depends on the quantities offered, prices bid and recipient requirements.

Purchase details will be mailed to the industry following an announcement of the start of the purchase program. Interested suppliers should contact the Contracting Officer, USDA/AMS/Poultry Programs, Commodity Procurement Branch, 1400 Independence Ave., SW, STOP 0260, Washington, DC 20250-0260. An electronic version of this announcement can be obtained online via the Commodity Procurement Home Page at: <http://www.ams.usda.gov/cp>.

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